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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)**  
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services  
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor • Los Angeles CA 90005-4001

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, April 5, 2001

\*Excused Absence

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

St. Anne's Foundation Conference Room  
155 North Occidental Boulevard-Los Angeles, CA

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

Charles L. Henry  
Richard Zaldivar  
Jeff Bailey  
Mark Etzel  
Ric Loya  
James Miller  
Vicky Ortega  
Frank Roque  
Gail Sanabria  
Nancy Wongvipat  
Tony Bustamante

Chi-Wai Au  
Sergio Avina  
Ricky Bluthenthal  
Danielle Glenn-Rivera  
Edric Mendia  
Veronica Morales  
Keisha Paxton  
Ricki Rosales  
Vanessa Talamantes  
Gordon Bunch  
Tiffany Horton

\*Juan Carlos Ledesma  
Rosetta Chamberlain  
Ramon Flores  
David Luis Herrera  
Kevin Kindlin  
Cleo Manago  
\*Kellii Trombacco

**STAFF PRESENT**

Maria Perez  
Magdalena Esquivel  
Elizabeth Escovedo  
Delia Sandoval

Gabriel Rodriguez  
Oscar Garcia  
Darren Roberts

Mario Perez  
Dean Goishi  
Hernan Molina

**I. CHIPTS COLLOQUIA SERIES: - Amy Wohl, Ph.D.**

**Sexual & Drug Using Behaviors & HIV Among Gay, Bisexual, and Heterosexually Identified African American Men in Los Angeles County**

A copy of the presentation was included in the packet. Mr. Henry complemented Dr. Wohl on the presentation. Dr. Wohl indicated that this study did not address the reason for not using condoms. She will check on other studies about condom use.

**II. ROLL CALL** Roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.

**Jeff Bailey** introduced the new PPC members: **Rosetta Chamberlain, Veronica Morales, Keisha Paxton, Vicky Ortega, Kevin Kindlin, Edric Mendia, Frank Roque and Ricki Rosales.** Advisors: **Tiffany Horton, Tony Bustamante, and Gordon Bunch.**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** The committee approved the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**

The committee approved the meeting summary for March 01, 2001.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Auleria Eakins** stated that she was here on behalf of her director who asked her to come and speak to the PPC about reconsideration of Kelly Gilmore who was not selected to be a member to the PPC committee. She read a letter addressed to Charles L. Henry dated March 14, 2001. The letter was passed out.

**J. Daniel Longsworth** stated that he would like the PPC and those involved in HIV/AIDS to be more accountable. He has been in agencies and has seen the poor level of services and the lack of services for people who are not infected. He stated that more women of color are needed on the PPC.

**Kevin Spears** read a passage from an HIV/AIDS health disparities work group from the Department of Health and Human Services. It is entitled "Implementing a Comprehensive and Effective Community Response to HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color." The draft is dated September 1, 2000. The largest share of CDC support for the local prevention programs is channeled through state and local Health Departments through a process known as the HIV Prevention Community planning. The process brings representatives from all the infected communities together with public health officials and other experts to make decisions about funding that are based on the profile of the local epidemic. CDC requires that the membership of the state and community planning groups reflect the epidemic in these jurisdictions and those funding decisions be based on sound science.

He expressed the following concerns: there needs to be more women of color on the PPC, there is no young African American heterosexual man on the PPC and he asked the PPC to look at the issue of a female co-chair. He also asked the PPC, "How important are young women of color to you?"

## **VI. APPROVAL OF SLATE OF RECOMMENDED PPC MEMBER**

On behalf of the Executive sub-committee Richard Zaldivar submitted Sandra Cargill's nomination to the PPC membership. She has been involved in sub-committee work and has taken the lead in the revision of the Policies and Procedures.

**MOTION:** The PPC moved by consensus to approve **Sandra Cargill** as a PPC member.

**Mr. Henry** stated he was pleased with the work the members of the PPC conducted in reference to the selection of new PPC members. He thanked the public who recruited and encouraged individuals to apply for membership on the Prevention Planning Committee. Over forty-five applications were received. There were ten vacancies to the PPC. Two positions will be available to fulfill PPC special needs determined by the Executive Committee. The PPC conducted very careful and thoughtful work to achieve broad representation as reflective both of the population and the epidemic in Los Angeles County. It is not only a preference in terms of the discussions about health disparities but it is actually a requirement of CDC, in the context of community planning. We have met those obligations in terms of the diversity of this body. In addition to the interest in the nominations for and the selections of members, it is also important for this body to also hold accountable every member of the PPC. He stated that we individually bring experiences to the table but we have an absolute obligation under the CDC guidance to bring to this body a collective decision making process. As members of this body we are expected to represent the depth and breadth of the experiences of the epidemic in Los Angeles without regard to sexual orientation, race, creed, ethnicity, and gender. This body's charge is more than just bringing a personal perspective. It is about going to the community and receiving input and bringing it back. He believes that this body has done a very good job of that.

There was a discussion about the procedure to follow regarding public comments during the course of a motion on the floor. **Mr. Henry** commented that public comments are allowed on agenda items but not in the midst of a motion and discussion by PPC members.

**Malcolm Harris** from the AMASSI Center expressed his concern of those who represent the PPC and the need for a wider range of diversity on the current body.

**Mr. Henry** commented that no one sits at this body because they represent a particular service agency. The affiliation to an agency is listed for PPC members in case there is a conflict of interest issue. If issues are being discussed that are associated with a particular agency or may impact a particular agency it is important for members of the PPC and the public to know the affiliations so that we can be clear about whether or not there are issues of conflict of interest. The applications received from applicants not selected for PPC membership will be held for one year. PPC vacancies will be filled from these applications.

**Richard Zaldivar** thanked the public for their comments and reminded those who spoke to fill out the form Request to Make a Public Comment during PPC Meeting. This form is necessary for the purpose of public records.

## **VII. PRESENTATION: TRANSGENDER YOUTH POPULATION – Cathy Reback, Ph.D.**

**Cathy Reback, Ph.D.** conducted a presentation on findings from the Los Angeles Transgender Health Study. This presentation focused on the participants that were under 30 years old. Dr. Reback responded to several questions about this study. A copy of her presentation was included in the packet.

**Shirley Bushnell** provided data from the Transgender Youth Consortium. Several transgender youth discussed their real life experiences. They stated that they have participated in sex work in order to survive. There is a need for low cost or no cost medical care for this community. One presenter stated that she used to work the streets to make ends meet and now is working as an outreach worker. Another commented that discrimination is very prevalent among the transgender. The use of hormones is prevalent among this community. **Shirley Bushnell, Miguel Martinez and Vickie Ortega** provided a presentation on the Transgender Youth Symposium.

## **VIII. BREAK**

## **IX. OAPP REPORT**

**Mr. Henry** stated that notification was received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the fiscal year 2001 supplemental funds. The award received was approximately \$1.7 million. A non-competitive application will be submitted to CDC. Dean Goishi will be the lead person from OAPP, who will develop the application. He will be working with the co-chairs to get their concurrence that the proposed use of those resources is consistent with the Prevention Plan and CDC guidelines for those awards.

### **The Counseling and Testing RFP**

**Category 1: CBO Counseling and Testing** - 26 proposals were received. The amount requested is approximately \$2.6 million. Proposals received cover all the various SPAs, either individually or through multiple SPA designations. Five proposals were received for the Mobile Testing Unit. The amount requested is \$1.2 million. Currently 5 programs are funded. Due to the proposals received, there may be a need to transfer mobile units from one agency to another, since they are the property of the county.

**For Category 2** proposals were received for STD clinics, TB clinics, Los Angeles County Jail clinic and Juvenile hall and Probation Camp Clinics.

**For Category 3** - 2 proposals were received for the demonstration project (HIV/STD HEP C). Only 1 proposal was received for the county jail HIV counseling and testing project.

**Mr. Henry** commented that he was disappointed in the number of proposals received for category 3. He commented that there is much work to do as a prevention planning committee as we identify new prevention approaches. We continue to have service providers that respond with programs with what they are currently doing rather than thinking along the lines of new projects or new approaches. These demonstration projects created an opportunity to do things that we have not been doing.

**Mr. Henry** stated that the issue of accountability has come up today. It is not OAPP's responsibility to hold communities and agencies accountable for applying for funds. He stated that members of the community and PPC have a primary responsibility to ensure that service providers who apply for funds meet timelines and deadlines in terms of submitting proposals. Since OAPP is responsible for selecting providers through the review process, OAPP cannot be involved in that accountability process. When service providers are not successful in meeting timelines, this will impact communities and individuals that have relied on those services. Proposals for the Prevention Supplement are due next week.

He commented that this would be his last meeting as governmental co-chair. He has assigned Mario Perez to assume the position of governmental co-chair of the PPC. Mr. Henry will continue to participate in prevention planning committees on a periodic basis. He has made a commitment to the Youth sub-committee to continue his participation for the next year.

Ernesto Hinojos and Mario Perez are working to develop training from outside consultants. It is intended to train OAPP staff, prevention providers, and PPC members on behavioral change theories.

Mario Perez will be providing training to prevention providers on the new Prevention Data Reporting Form. Staff has been working diligently to capture data that will support the Evaluation plan that was submitted to CDC.

## **X. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT**

**Jeff Bailey** gave an over view of where he and **Richard Zaldivar** as co-chairs envision the PPC going. He commented that he, Richard and all PPC members are sitting at this table as planners. PPC members as planners, should be able to carry out the Los Angeles County Prevention Plan according to the goals and priorities set by the plan. One of the goals that they as co-chairs have is to bring this plan and the process to the community. The community is always invited to sit at the table.

**Richard Zaldivar** thanked Charles Henry for his work and for his vision. He also thanked the PPC for providing him the opportunity to serve as co-chair. He expressed his desire that the PPC and the community work together as one to fight the epidemic in Los Angeles County. He also mentioned that most of the work of the PPC takes place in the sub-committees and the community is welcome to participate in these sub-committees. He asked the PPC members and the community to feel free to provide suggestions.

**Frank Roque** shared his experience from his attendance to the CPLS conference in Houston. He greatly benefited from attending workshops and from other youth groups around the country.

### **Strategic Planning**

**Mark Etzel** commented that the core partners of the Strategic Planning Process are the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy, the HIV Prevention Planning Committee, the Commission on HIV Health

Services, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. At the PPC Retreat each of the sub-committees incorporated specific Strategic Planning tasks into their work plan. He encouraged the community to participate in the sub-committees of the PPC. The community rollouts in each of the SPAs are being scheduled for April and May.

## **XI. RETREAT UPDATE**

**Jeff Bailey** thanked staff for organizing the Retreat. The sub-committees of the PPC participated in work sessions and discussed a work plan for accomplishing their work. The reapplication process to CDC and the Strategic Plan was discussed. There were many comments about the great work accomplished. A PPC member commented that there was a tremendous amount of cohesion among the PPC and community members who participated.

## **XII. STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Policy and Social Marketing**

**Vanessa Talamantes** stated that the sub-committee identified specific tasks with timelines for completion of work in relation to the CDC reapplication and the Strategic Planning process. They will be attending a joint meeting on May 10, with the Public Policy sub-committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services.

### **Counseling and testing**

**Bertell Ferguson**, commented that their focus is the HIV Counseling and testing Days, which will take place the last week in June. A special committee was formed to start coordinating activities within the community rather than have communities work on their own. At the Retreat they discussed how to get the community more involved in Strategic Planning. A presentation will be provided to them about HIV vaccine studies.

### **Youth Leadership**

**Sergio Avina** commented that several youth who were non-PPC members participated in the sub-committee work at the Retreat. The Youth sub-committee is requesting that a representative from each of the PPC sub-committees attend the Youth Leadership meeting in May and June to present their work plan. A representative from Operations, Evaluation and Gaps Analysis sub-committees should attend the May meeting. A representative from Best Practices, and Public Policy sub-committees should attend in June. The purpose is to ensure that youth have a voice and can provide feed back at all sub-committees. Twenty minutes is being allocated for each sub-committee. The twenty minutes will include the presentation and allocate time for questions and answers.

### **Best Practice and Standards**

**James Miller** challenged the community to get involved by participating in sub-committee work. He stated that if members of the community were really serious about their commitment, they should participate in sub-committees because most of the work is accomplished at that level. He invited those interested to join this sub-committee. The sub-committee is continuing its work to organize and fulfill its responsibilities.

### **Evaluation**

**Nancy Wongvipat** stated that the Evaluation sub-committee set goals, specific timelines, and tasks with regards to the Strategic Planning process and the CDC reapplication.

### **Operations**

The draft of the Policies and Procedures was presented to the Executive sub-committee. They continue to work on the draft.

### **Gaps Analysis**

The committee is continuing to identify resources and minimize gaps. They will be working in collaboration with Best Practice and Standards and Evaluation sub-committees.

## **XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The California Office of AIDS advisory body, is holding its next function at the Burbank Hilton on April 24 and 25, 2001. Public comment will be permitted.
- A flyer on workshops offered at the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team and the Asian American Drug Abuse program was made available.
- On April 10, CHIPTS in conjunction with UCLA AIDS Institute and CAL State Long Beach are hosting its **HIV Research Next Generation**. It is a training conference.
- **Ric Loya** was acknowledged as the mayor of Huntington Park.
- **Los Angeles County Public Health Week** is coming up.
- On April 14, 2001 Bienestar will hold its **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Formal for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community**.
- A new component of the Social Marketing campaign, "**HIV Treatment Works**," began in mid March. This campaign is intended to inform those who may not be accessing care and treatment that free services are available.
- **Mr. Henry** stated that OAPP is in the midst of developing review panels for Counseling and Testing and Prevention supplement. Those interested in serving, as reviewers should obtain a nomination form from staff. Those interested should not be affiliated with agencies that will be applying.
- Prototypes - 11th annual **Healing Our Village Skills Building Conference** - May 17 and 18, 2001.
- **Frank Roque** announced his resignation from AMASSI effective April 5, 2001. He will continue to serve as PPC member.

## **XIV. ADJOURNEMENT**

Meeting adjourned.

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